

Case 2908***Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 (Annelida, Oligochaeta): proposed precedence over *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899**

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Abstract. The purpose of this application is to maintain the usage of the generic name *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 (family NAIDIDAE) by giving it precedence over the senior subjective synonym *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899, which has not been used for over 60 years.

1. Vejdovský (1883, p. 218) described the oligochaete genus *Bohemilla* with a new single included species *B. comata* (type species by monotypy). Michaelsen (1903, p. 184) proposed a replacement generic name *Vejdovskyella* as *Bohemilla* was already in use for a trilobite genus, *Bohemilla* Barrande, 1872. Later Strand (1928, p. 36), unaware of this replacement name, proposed the new name *Bohemillula* for *Bohemilla* Vejdovský.

2. Bretscher (1896, p. 509) described the genus *Macrochaeta* for his new species *M. intermedia* (type species by monotypy). Later, Bretscher (1899, p. 392) modified his name to *Macrochaetina* as the original version was preoccupied (by *Macrochaeta* Grube, 1850, Polychaeta, although he did not say so).

3. Piguet (1928, p. 86) believed that the two species *M. intermedia* and *B. comata* belonged to the same genus. Contrary to the principle of priority, he chose *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 as the valid name. Since then the name *Vejdovskyella* has been in constant use, including the monograph on the NAIDIDAE by Sperber (1948, p. 137). Several new species have been described under the name *Vejdovskyella* and many faunistic and ecological papers have used it as valid (e.g. Brinkhurst & Jamieson, 1971; Chekanovskaya, 1981; Ohtaka, 1985; a list of a further seven papers by different authors is held by the Commission Secretariat). *Macrochaetina* has remained unused.

4. Reinstatement of the senior subjective synonym *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899 over the widely used name *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 would cause confusion and instability.

5. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accordingly asked:

- (1) to use its plenary powers to give precedence to the name *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 over the name *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
- (2) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the following names:
 - (a) *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy of the replaced nominal genus *Bohemilla* Vejdovský, 1883, *Bohemilla comata* Vejdovský, 1883, with the endorsement that it is to be given

- precedence over *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;
- (b) *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy of the replaced nominal genus *Macrochaeta* Bretscher, 1896, *Macrochaeta intermedia* Bretscher, 1896, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;
- (3) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the following names:
- (a) *comata* Vejdovský, 1883, as published in the binomen *Bohemilla comata* (specific name of the type species of *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903);
- (b) *intermedia* Bretscher, 1896, as published in the binomen *Macrochaeta intermedia* (specific name of the type species of *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899);
- (4) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology the following names:
- (a) *Bohemilla* Vejdovský, 1883 (a junior homonym of *Bohemilla* Barrande, 1872 and a senior objective synonym of *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903);
- (b) *Bohemillula* Strand, 1928 (a junior objective synonym of *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903);
- (c) *Macrochaeta* Bretscher, 1896 (a junior homonym of *Macrochaeta* Grube, 1850 and a senior objective synonym of *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899).

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